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Growth Management Planning Council
c/o Mr. Paul Reitenbach, King County DDES

Subject: Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts Comments on draft King Countywide Planning Policies

Dear Mr. Reitenbach:

Please accept for the public record from the Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts (WASWD) on behalf of the 29 special purpose water-sewer districts (see attached list) serving over 430,000 people in King County, the attached redline comments on the updated draft King County Countywide Planning Policies.

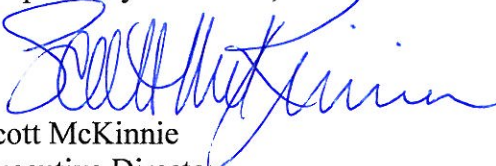
In sum, it is WASWD's position that water-sewer districts are very efficient and cost-effective providers of water and sewer utility services, and are a strong example of local government that works without taxes; rather, water-sewer districts are fee based and have been proven to be a very effective provider of these services.

Consistent with the provisions of Chapter 36.70A, the Growth Management Act, cities are only "in general" the appropriate providers of services within urban areas. Therefore, we feel the CPPs, and specifically, PFS-3, should be revised likewise to be consistent with state law.

Further, it must be noted that many newer cities must obtain voter approval before such cities can provide utility services (see RCW 35.92.070), in addition to Boundary Review Board approval (see Chapter 36.93 RCW). Therefore, we feel the CPPs should be qualified with the word "may" to allow cities to assume utility functions.

Please acknowledge receipt of these comments.

Respectfully submitted,


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Attachments – List of WASWD Member Districts in King County
Draft Countywide Planning Policies with District redline comments

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King County Water District # 125
King County Water District #111
King County Water District #119
King County Water District #20
King County Water District #45
King County Water District #49
King County Water District #54
King County Water District #90
Lake Forest Park Water District
Lakehaven Utility District
Midway Sewer District
Northeast Sammamish Sewer & Water
District
Northshore Utility District
Ronald Wastewater District
Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District

Shoreline Water District
Skyway Water & Sewer District
Snoqualmie Pass Utility District
Soos Creek Water & Sewer District
Southwest Suburban Sewer District
Valley View Sewer District
Vashon Sewer District
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